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TO AMEMBASSY NASSAU PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, BF, CFED

SUBJECT: JUSTICE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

REF: NASSAU 246

1. AMBASSADOR JOHNSON VISITED DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 24 AT OUR REQUEST TO DISCUSS PENDING REQUESTS FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. DEPTOFF (HEAVNER) STRESSED URGENT NEED FOR DOCUMENTS IN CASES SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL OR ON WHICH STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS WILL PREVENT PROSECUTION AFTER APRIL 15. JOHNSON WAS GIVEN COPIES OF DECEMBER 10 LETTERS AND INFORMED OF SUBSEQUENT QUERIES BY EMBASSY NASSAU. AIDE-

MEMOIRE ALSO PASSED TO JOHNSON (COPY BEING POUCHED).

2. JOHNSON EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT WE HAD BEEN GIVEN NO ANSWER AND SAID THAT HE WOULD ENDEAVOR TO GET QUICK RESPONSE. HE REFERRED TO POSSIBLE LEGAL COMPLICATIONS IN REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS FILED WITH CONOLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE BUT SAID IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE AT LEAST TO GIVE REPLY WHICH EXPLAINED LEGAL DIFFICULTIES AND POSSIBLE  
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PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING SUCH DOCUMENTS UNDER BAHAMIAN LAW. HE SAW NO SUCH DIFFICULTIES WITH OTHER REQUESTS.

3. WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK BEST COURSE IS TO AWAIT RESPONSE FROM JOHNSON BEFORE RAISING MATTER AGAIN IN NASSAU. WE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AS APPROPRIATE.

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